

ABSTRACT

Hatchlings are raised initially on a strip of sheet material which is laid on the floor of a containment pen by a vehicle having a support on the vehicle for receiving a roll of a sheet material and a hopper on the vehicle for receiving a feed material for the hatchlings. The strip is laid from the roll in flat form on the floor and held in place by a thin layer of the feed dispensed through a nozzle of the hopper as the vehicle is moved forwardly with the layer having a constant width substantially across the full width of the strip leaving narrow feed free bands at the side edges.